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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, PINT, LE, IS, SY
SUBJ: MEETING WITH FRENCH CHARGE DE LAVERGNEE

1. DCM CALLED ON FRENCH CHARGE DE LAVERGNEE AT NOON JULY 6.
DURING ONE-HOUR CONVERSATION, DE LAVERGNEE MADE THE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS:

2. THE SYRIANS REACTED VIOLENTLY AGAINST THE TWO FRENCH
DEMARCHES IN DAMASCUS ABOUT SYRIAN ADF BOMBARDMENT OF EAST
BEIRUT. FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD SPOKEN ONLY TO KHADDAM'S
CHEF DU CABINET AND HAD BEEN TOLD IN ONE CASE HE SHOULD
SUBMIT A NOTE VERBALE. WE AGREED THAT SYRIANS WERE EXTREMELY
SENSITIVE TO ANY OUTSIDE COMMENTS ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES IN
LEBANON.

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3. CHAMOUN'S DECLARATION CALLING FOR WORLDWIDE SUPPORT OF
THE CHRISTIANS AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF ADF FORCES FROM LEBANON
AND THE RESPONSE BY PRIME MINISTER HOSS AND THE ISLAMIC
GROUP HAS SPLIT THE LEBANESE BODY POLITIC EVEN FURTHER.
DE LATAILLADE WONDERED IF IT MIGHT NOT NOW BE TOO WIDE TO
BRIDGE.

4. DE LAVERGNEE SAID THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD MADE DEMARCHES TO THE SAUDIS AND THE KUWAITIS ASKING THEM TO URGE RESTRAINT ON THE SYRIANS. HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT USG HAD MADE SIMILAR APPROACHES.

5. THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN BEIRUT HAD HAD ABSOLUTELY NO CONTACT WITH GOL DURING CURRENT CRISIS (UK AMBASSADOR WAKEFIELD ALSO REPORTS THAT GOL HAS NOT REPEAT NOT CONTACTED HIM). DCM TOLD DE LAVERGNEE THAT AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BOUTROS AND SARKIS ON JULY 1 AND 2, BUT HAD NOT TALKED TO THEM SINCE THEN.

6. WE AGREED THAT THE LONGER THE FIGHTING BETWEEN THE MILITIAS AND THE SYRIANS GOES ON THE MORE LIKELY IT IS THAT SOME ELEMENTS OF THE LAF WILL JOIN THEIR CHRISTIAN COMPATRIOTS AND THAT WOULD GREATLY COMPLICATE THE PROBLEM.
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